

## PATENT APPLICATION

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**Response to Paragraph 5 of the Office Action**

The Office Action stated the claims are objected to because the claims do not commence on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.75(h). Accordingly, Applicant is filing herewith a copy of the claims from the original patent presented on a separate sheet, apart from any other text.

**Remarks**

Reexamination and reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested. Claims 1-45 remain in the application. No new claims have been added or canceled with this response.

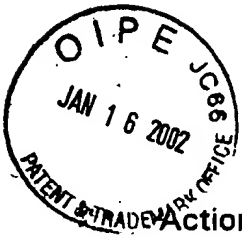
Applicant believes there is no charge for this response because no new claims have been added.

**Allowed Claims**

Applicant would also like to gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 17-22 and 41-45 are allowable, that claims 36-40 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 USC § 112 was addressed, and that claims 3-7, 12-16 and 27-30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001, and it is submitted that claims 1-45 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of previously amended claims 1-16 and 23-40 is earnestly solicited.

Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #02-2666.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 554-9732 is respectfully solicited.

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